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Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 12.018

This Complaint is the result of outcome of a personal injury civil case. The Complaint included allegations of judicial bias against pro se litigants based primarily upon their socio-economic status. If these allegations were founded, they could constitute violations of Canons 3(B)(2), (5) & (6). The Complainant was the defendant in the case, his girlfriend/wife was the Plaintiff. Complainant's liability insurance company intervened in the case, and much of this complaint deals with the interplay between the insurance company's lawyer and the pro se litigants who where unable or unwilling to comply with the rules which govern the conduct of discovery and trial.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the pleadings and orders filed by the parties in the Court, as well as a review of the audio tape of the hearing. To the extent the Complaint alleges ethical impropriety or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Board has determined that the Complaint is unfounded and there is no cause for further proceedings. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 7(1).

The Complaint in Docket No. 12.018 is DISMISSED.

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By: Steven A. Adler